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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations Branch, DPD-DD/P

SUBJECT: Map Card Destructor

REFERENCE: Memorandum for Acting Chief, Air Section from
Chief, Operations Branch, DPD-DD/P, DPD 0644-61,
dated 8 February 1961, subject: Same as above

1. [REDACTED] was present when subject destructor unit was presented and explained to DPD personnel by [REDACTED] and representatives of TSD.
2. The units were rejected for use on [REDACTED] aircraft for the following reasons:
 - a. Possibility of accidental discharge of the explosive by aircrew members causing destruction of the aircraft.
 - b. Possibility of activation of the destruction unit by small arms or anti-aircraft fire causing destruction of the aircraft.
 - c. Unit not large enough to contain all material that would require destruction on [REDACTED] missions.
 - d. System of attaching maps etcetera to small plates is not considered practicable for navigation on long missions.
3. Air Section and Detachment 2 are interested in a type of destructor system or unit to be used on multi-engine aircraft where size and weight, within reason, is not considered a major problem. The system must be fool proof to the extent that accidental activation will not injure personnel or cause possible destruction to the aircraft.
4. Until a safe system is developed, Air Section is forced to rely upon the aircrew members ability to destroy material depending upon the circumstances under which they are forced down or bail out.

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DPD/AS/ [REDACTED]
14 February 1961

Original and 1 - Addressee
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Acting Chief,
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